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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
SEOUL BUREAU



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6 November 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Seoul Bureau -- October 1987

I. GENERAL

October saw the final collapse of the uneasy partnership between opposition leaders Kim Yong-sam and Kim Tae-chung, which in turn split the major opposition party--the Reunification Democratic Party. Kim Yong-sam and Kim Tae-Chung both formally announced their candidacy for the presidency and apologized to the nation that they were not able to keep their promise to field a single opposition candidate. Kim Tae-chung is forming his new party--the Peace Democratic Party--and the fourth candidate, Kim Chong-pil, has formed a party called the New Democratic Republican Party to permit each to run under a party banner in the coming elections. The presidential elections will be held sometime in December, although at month's end no firm date had been set. At this point there seems to be no clear-cut favorite, and the election appears to be up for grabs.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. With the resignation of Korean monitor [redacted] and tiSTAT extended convalescence of Korean Unit [redacted], the KoreanSTAT Unit is down to seven monitors at a time when the workload is increasing. Okinawa Bureau generously agreed to temporarily take on the Bureau's Beijing and Moscow Korean service commitments. This arrangement lasted from 5 October to 3 November.

2. The legal basis for the ROK's first peaceful transfer of power was established when a revised constitution was ratified in a national referendum on the 27th and subsequently formally promulgated. Although the presidential campaign has not "officially" begun, "intraparty functions," as the ROK prime minister defines what appear to be campaign rallies, have begun in earnest and much of the Bureau's file was again taken up with these political events. No Tae-u and Kim Chong-pil, a minister in the previous government, have encountered serious hecklers.

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3. With the return of newscasts to the independent Christian Broadcasting System network in mid-October, another step was taken toward freeing the media in the South. The station airs four newscasts, all of which were sampled, but as yet it does not show news reporting radically different from what is available in the press or the government media. The Bureau will put one newscast on coverage while continuing to watch the radio for signs of greater independence in program content. The extent of media restraint that continues in the ROK was again demonstrated when a 2-hour journalists' "dialogue" with Kim Tae-chung, originally scheduled to be aired live on television on 30 October, turned up as a brief 5-minute news item in the evening broadcast.

4. In North-South developments, the North's sinking of a fishing boat threatened to increase tension around the South's Chusok holiday period, but ended in the two sides trading charges at a special Military Armistice Commission meeting. The North also dropped all pretense of talking with the South on the Olympic question, saying it would wait until after the presidential election and the installation of a democratic government in the South to further discuss cohosting the games.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Korean Unit Chief [] underwent stomach surgery on 6 October. The operation lasted 6 hours, and at month's end [] was still in the hospital with no final word on when he can expect to leave the hospital to continue recuperation at home. STAT
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2. The wife of Bureau Associate Editor [] gave birth to their first child, a son, on 2 October. The baby has been named [] STAT
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IV. VISITS

A. On the 13th, [] of the National Photo Interpretation Center visited the Bureau for a briefing and tour. STAT
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B. [] deputy chief of NEAD, visited the Bureau from 16-20 October following his trip through China. STAT

C. From 17 October to 1 November, [] chief of FSB/FED, familiarized himself with the Bureau and conducted tests of modems for the International Direct Dial system expected to replace Autodin as the Bureaus backup communications system at the beginning of next year. STAT

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V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

[redacted] earned second place in the Korea- STAT
wide Trivial Pursuit team championships to go along with their first place
showing in the Korea central region competition the previous month.
They earned valuable experience and vowed to "take it all" next year.

[redacted] STAT
Chief, Seoul Bureau

Attachments:
Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Seoul Bureau Production Report for October 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	615050.
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	135420
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1673

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	13685.00 min.	5510.00 min.	127.69 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

CHINA			
Beijing International Service in Korean	100		
Beijing City Service in Mandarin	1250		
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin	6030		
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	8800		
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in Mandarin	6390		
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin	19230		
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in Mandarin	10230		
Shijiazhuang Hebei Provincial Service in Mandarin	330		
Tianjin City Service in Mandarin	0		
Beijing BEIJING RIBAO in Chinese			3960

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Changchun JILIN RIBAO in Chinese			5470
Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			17470
Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in Chinese			11330
Shenyang DONGBEI JINGJI BAO in Chinese			9100
Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO in Chinese			2500
Shijiazhuang HEBEI RIBAO in Chinese			13560
Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO in Chinese			11970
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Voice of National Salvation in Korean to South Korea	16750		
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	117210		
Pyongyang Television Service in Korean	300		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		126840	
Pyongyang KULLOJA in Korean			700
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	9780		
Seoul Television Service in Korean	1250		
Seoul YONHAP in English		22380	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			5070
Seoul CHUANGANG ILBO in Korean			5500
Seoul Editorial Report on ROK Media Korean			900
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			1850
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			13900
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			2200

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Seoul SINTONG-A in
Korean

Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in
English

Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in
English

Seoul TONG-A ILBO in
Korean

Seoul WOLGAN CHOSON IN
Korean

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